29 November 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Branch, DPD

SUBJECT

: Memo for AC/DPD frm C/DPD/SB dtd 28 Nov 61, Subj: Replacement of IDEALIST

Drivers (IDEA-0589)

I have discussed your recommendation with Mr. Bissell, and he has agreed to continue for the present with use of the U-2 drivers presently in the program. However, to ensure ourselves that we have not overlooked security aspects that may not be readily known at this Headquarters, actions along the lines we discussed would be most appropriate. These include a comparison of current knowledge of the drivers concerning sensitive information vs. what was assumed known by Gary Powers, and to what extent the current knowledge of sensitive information is generally known throughout the unit. I should appreciate a progress report on this within the next three weeks since Mr. McCone will undoubtedly discuss this matter with Mr. Bissell.

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